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Prime Minister Eman announces his second cabinet

ORANJESTAD -- Just one month and one day after the September elections, Prime Minister Mike Eman met with media outside Governor Refunjol's office to announce his new cabinet for the next four years. As was rumored, there will be eight ministers and the PM, for a total of nine, the maximum allowed by the Aruban Constitution.

A number of ministers in office will remain, but there are new faces in the cabinet, and a redistribution of responsibilities. Additionally, there are some new titles for departments, which did not exist in the prior cabinet.

The Prime Minister explained that after several discussions with experts and department heads, the new cabinet reflects what they feel are the areas that require attention, and the individuals who are best suited to administrate these aspects of Aruba's community and continued prosperity.

Brand new ministers to the cabinet are Juan David Irausquin, former parliamentarian, who will assume the title of Minister of Finance and Government Organization and Paul Croes, former President of Parliament, who will administrate over Social Affairs, Youth Policy and Labor.

Dr. Alex Schwengel will be the Minister of Public



Aruba's P.M. Mike Eman announcing his second cabinet

Health, Elderly Care and Sport.

Minister Mike de Meza, the Vice-Prime Minister, will assume the responsibilities of Minister of Economic Affairs, Communications, Energy and Environment. Minister Benny Sevinger will continue to administrate over Infrastructure and Integration, but also a new department, Spatial Development.

Minister of Tourism and Transport, Otmar Oduber, will also assume responsibility for Culture and Primary Sector. Minister of Justice

Arthur Dowers will also administrate over Addiction Care.

The Minister of Education, Family Policy and Adult Education is the former Minister of Economic & Social Affairs and Culture, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar.

Prime Minister Eman, as well as occupying the principal seat of government, is also Minister of Sustainable Development.

AVP party members who will hold seats in Parliament have yet to be announced.

By Rosalie Klein



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US college to pay child sex abuse victims \$60 million

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Pennsylvania State University announced Monday a payout of \$60 million for 26 victims abused by convicted child sex offender, American football coach Jerry Sandusky.

The settlement comes just over a year after former Penn State American football coach Sandusky was jailed for 30 to 60 years on 45 counts of child sex abuse.

Now aged 69, Sandusky is expected to spend the rest of his life behind bars, after being found guilty in court of molesting 10 children between 1994 and 2008.

Penn State University said 32 alleged victims had come forward demanding compensation, but that six had their claims rejected.

It announced on its website that it had agreed to pay a total of \$59.7 million to the other 26.

"We hope this is another step forward in the healing process for those hurt by Mr. Sandusky and another step forward for Penn State," said the university's president, Rodney Erickson.

"We cannot undo what has been done, but we can and must do everything possible to learn from this and ensure



Convicted child offender Jerry Sandusky

it never happens again at Penn State."

Sandusky, who coached one of America's most illustrious college football teams, recruited his young victims through a charity he founded for troubled youths.

The case scandalized the United States and tarnished the legacy of the university.

It led to the sacking of Penn State's legendary head coach Joe Paterno, a national icon, just weeks before his unexpected death from lung cancer in January 2012 at the age of 85.

He was fired for failing to notify authorities when he was told Sandusky had been seen molesting a boy in the shower. The university's president, Graham Spanier, was also sacked.

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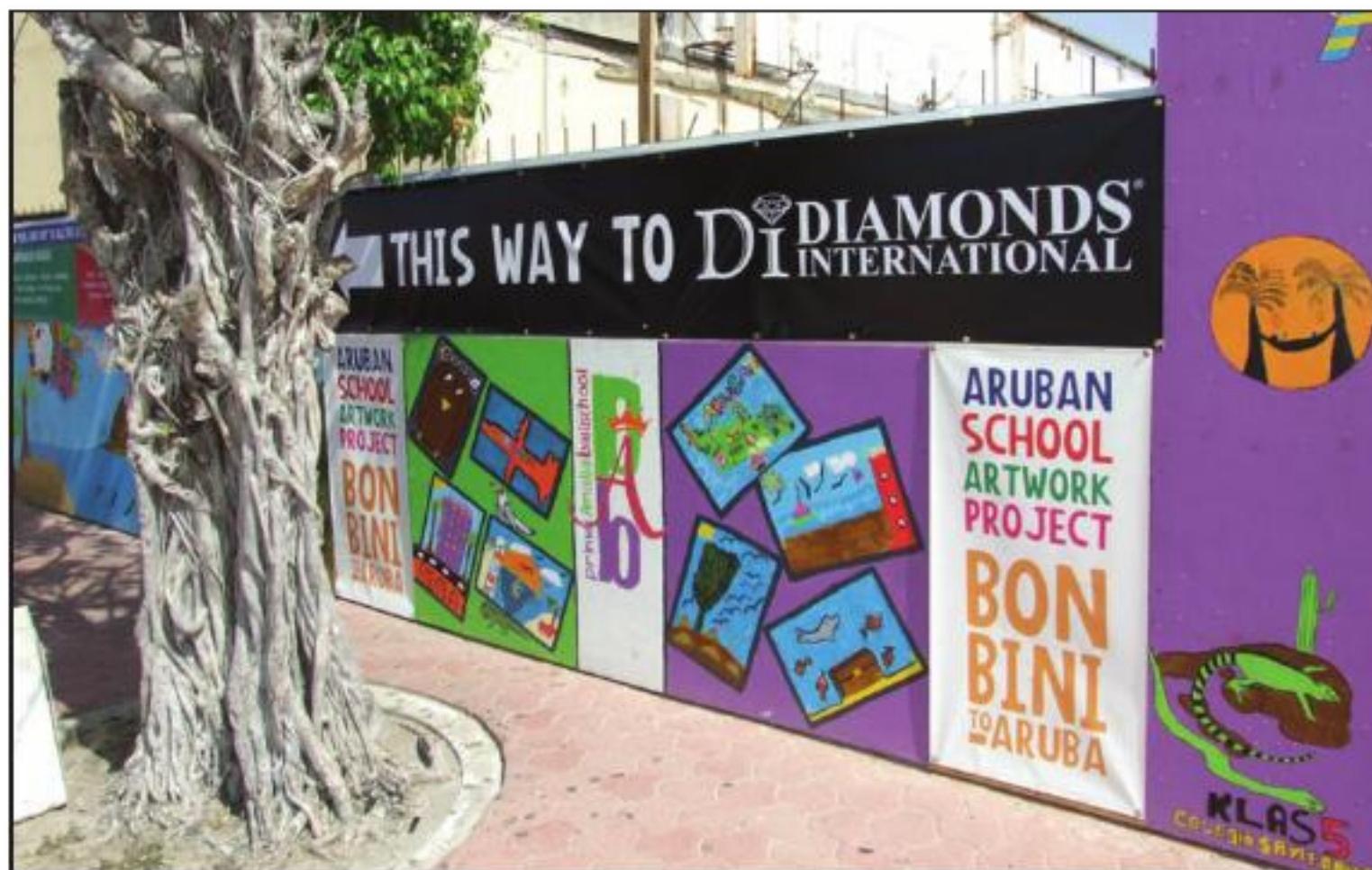




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Diamonds International sponsors Young Aruban Artwork Project installed at the Cruise Ship Port



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The latest efforts showcase a project that was developed together with our young community. Diamonds International sponsored four schools to create a gallery of



artwork, providing a sunny welcome to all visitors entering through the port – and thus masking the area at the back of their building which is under construction.

The brief for the project was to paint a mural that represents Aruba. The children and teachers from Reina Beatrix Basisschool, Prinses Amalia Basisschool, St. Fransiscus College and St. Dominicus College did a truly impressive job – including all of the highlights that

make Aruba unique, Hooiberg, Cascabel, Shoco, Cave-paintings, Bushi Cactus, Yuwana, Divi Tree and the California Lighthouse to name but a few.

General Manager of Diamonds International, Keisha Williams comments "The gallery looks absolutely wonderful, and truly contributes to the tourist experience of Aruba – We would like to say a big thank you to the young creative talents and their teachers who worked hard on

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Aruba Lions Club announces the 57th edition of their annual house raffle is underway



The primary fundraising effort of the Aruba Lions Club began on Saturday, October 26, with the unveiling of the grand prize, a brand new home from Cas Bon, located within the Paradera Villas housing project. The Lions Club of Aruba conducts many projects beneficial to the community, such as blood drives or providing specialized bedding for invalids being cared for in the family home.

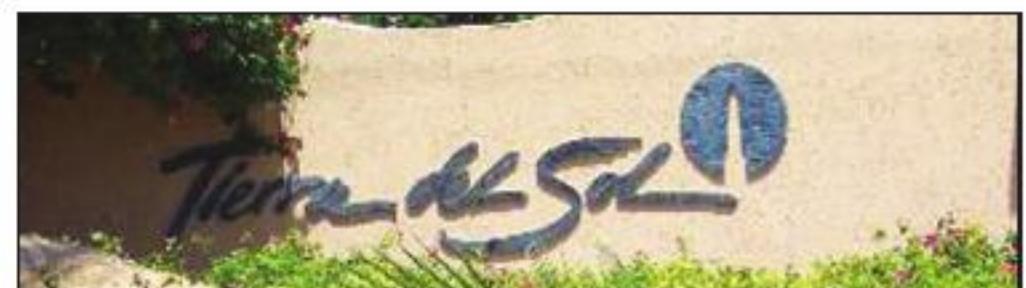
The annual raffle of a new house helps them to fund these various projects. The tickets are on sale at their headquarters on Englandstrat in Eagle, across from the tennis club. Lions Club President Edwin Tromp explained that the 100 square meter, three-bedroom, two bath house is situated on around 303 sq meters of property land, and is the model "Jasmine," built by the well-

known housing company, Cas Bon. It features a large living room and a spacious, eat-in kitchen, as well as a separate storage/laundry room. Presently the house is very near completion and will be in perfect, spanking new condition at the time of the drawing.

Wanda Broeksema of Elmar N.V. was present for the unveiling to announce the Aruba's energy distribution company is proud to participate in the raffle by providing one year of electricity to the winner free of cost. This is in celebration of the 65th anniversary of the Lions Club on Aruba.

Raffle tickets cost 25 florins each for a chance to win a home valued at over 200,000 Arubian florins. The drawing will be on December 6 of this year. They can also be purchased through any Lions Club members in your neighborhood.

Tiera del Sol moves forward



Tierra del Sol Real Estate N.V. and Tierra del Sol Golf Course N.V. have today been granted Surseance van betaling (Suspension of Certain Creditor Obligations). As has been widely reported, Tierra del Sol has had a long history of difficult challenges, including two auctions, since commencing operations in 1995.

Even though Surseance van Betaling is not the easiest path to take, this court controlled process has been chosen as the best approach to enable TDS to continue its current operations while en-

abling the prospective new owners, FMV Holding Company, N.V. to execute the turnaround plan. Furthermore, it is expected that this approach will yield the best results for homeowners, employees, service providers, visitors, and other interested parties.

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Aruba Special Olympics



Lighting the Olympic Torch

ORANJESTAD -- On Friday, October 26, the 13th edition of the National Games of the Aruba Special Olympics commenced at the Guillermo Trinidad Stadium in Oranjestad. The opening ceremonies were attended by island dignitaries, including the President of Parliament, Paul

Games, which will take place in Los Angeles, California in July-August of 2015.

Following the introducing of the athletes was the ritual lighting of the Olympic Flame. The torch was carried by four runners to eventually be passed to Eldritch Feliciano, who had the honor of



Croes and Remco van der Veldt, GM of the Aruba branch of the event's official sponsors, Digicel Mobile Technology.

The parade of athletes from Team Dunuman, Emma School, Paso Pa Futuro, Man Na Obra, and Cas Sjabururi totaled over 220 participants in this year's National Games. The program is part of the qualifying process for the next Special Olympics World

lighting the flame.

President of the Aruba Special Olympics Committee, Arturo Werleman, officially welcomed fans and dignitaries. The opening ceremony also included honoring individuals who have contributed greatly to the continuation of the games. This year's honorees were Joe Najar, GM of the La Cabana Beach Resort, along with La Cabana Executive Jessica Franken and



Nildo Echobardo.

Volunteers Candida and Alwin Mackintosh along with Maria Andrade were presented with plaques, and Rosa Kock accepted for Andina Ice, for their staunch support of Aruba Special Olympics.

Following a show by Kids in Action, the evening ended with the first event, a soccer match and track and field contests; the soccer competitions continued the next morning. Activities and events were conducted throughout the weekend.

They included a swim meet at the San Nicolas community pool, badminton at the SVGA gymnasium in Piedra Plat, bowling at Eagle Bowling Palace and finished with Bocce Ball on the SVGA gymnasium green, followed by the closing and awards ceremonies.

To be part of the delegation representing Aruba at the 2015 World Games, special athletes must qualify by winning medals in their national games, and often participating in regional events. Aruba's Special Olympic Committee has often welcomed competitors from St. Maartan, Bonaire, Curacao, and even Ireland, to participate in the games, or sent their best athletes to contests in Jamaica and other islands.

Each year, the number of participating athletes has grown, and after sending delegations to three World Games in London, Shanghai and Greece, Aruba's special athletes have always returned with gold, silver and bronze medals. This year's National Games have focused on the sports disciplines in which they expect the Aruba delegation to compete in 2015.

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Mammography back in service at Hospital

ORANJESTAD -- Last October 16, the Hospital's Mammography machine broke down and had to be repaired. However, this has been very quickly repaired and the attentive personnel of the Hospital are providing the necessary service to all those who need to receive Mammogram tests. As of October 25th everything is back to normal in this department. Patients are being scheduled for their tests and everyone is getting the best of service to

compensate for the days that the machine was out of order. Personnel are working overtime to be sure that everyone receives the service they deserve.

Patients reportedly are very happy with the amiable and attentive service they are receiving from the staff. In this manner, our Hospital is demonstrating her commitment to providing professional and caring service to her patients.

A Group of Loyal and friendly visitors honored at Divi Phoenix Beach Resort



Recently Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a group of loyal and friendly visitors. The honorees were: Donald and Francis Baker resident of St. Augustine honored as Goodwill Ambassadors for 20 years.

John and Rosanne Jonas resident of Ontario Cambridge Canada honored as Goodwill Ambassadors for 23 years.

Theresa Gelinas and Ralph Dragon resident of New Hampshire Fremont honored as Goodwill Ambassadors for 26 years.

Charles F. and Marilyn Flynn resident of Weymouth Massachusetts honored as Distinguished Visitors for 10 years.

Barbara Harvey resident of Sandy Utah honored as Distinguished Visitor for 13 years.

Chao O'Brien resident of New Jersey honored as Distinguished Visitor for 12 years.

The honorees are members of Divi Phoenix Beach Resort and have been enjoying the Island every year. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 10 to 20 years consecutive.

The main reasons why they keep coming back to Aruba are the friendly people, the beaches, the beautiful weather, and the local food. The Certificate was presented by Ms. Darline S. de Cuba representing Aruba Tourism Authority and Mr. Gerrit Griffith General Manager of Divi Phoenix Beach Resort.

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Obama, Netanyahu discuss Iran

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US President Barack Obama spoke to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu about Iran Monday, a day after the Israeli leader warned Tehran could convert uranium into weapons-grade material within weeks.

The White House said in a short statement that the leaders discussed Iran, Israeli-Palestinian peace efforts and other key issues.

Netanyahu warned on Sunday that Iran is capable of converting low-grade uranium to material suitable for use in a weapons program within weeks -- even as Washington pursues diplomatic efforts to ease the nuclear showdown.

"The important part stems from technological improvements which allow Iran to enrich uranium from 3.5 percent to 90 percent in a number of weeks," his office quoted him as saying at a

cabinet meeting.

Netanyahu is demanding increased pressure on Iran and has expressed skepticism about a diplomatic opening pioneered by new Iranian President Hassan Rouhani which he has called a "charm offensive."

Iran is to hold a new round of talks on the issue with six world powers in Geneva on November 7-8.

Israel is demanding four conditions before international sanctions on Iran are eased: a halt to all uranium enrichment; the removal of all enriched uranium from its territory; the closure of an underground nuclear facility in Qom; and a halt to construction of a plutonium reactor.

The Obama administration has said it is important to test the sincerity of Iran's promise to hold serious discussions on a nuclear program that the West says is geared towards producing weapons -- a charge Tehran denies.

Argentina's Kirchner weakened by mid-term vote

BUENOS AIRES (AFP) - Argentina's Cristina Kirchner began the final leg of her presidency Monday, diminished by her Peronist followers' resounding defeat in Buenos Aires and other key provinces in mid-term elections.

The 60-year-old, who is convalescing from brain surgery, held on to a majority in the bicameral Congress, but with a weakened hand to play in her final two years in office.

Former Kirchner aide turned opposition candidate Sergio Massa, the 41-year-old mayor of Tigre, scored decisive victory in Buenos Aires province with 44 percent of the vote.

Nearly 40 percent of Argentina's 30 million voters are in Buenos Aires, and his victory there instantly made Massa a top contender for the presidency in 2015.

Kirchner's wing of the Peronist movement, the Front for Victory (FPV), won 33 percent nationwide, giving it a slender three seat majority in the Chamber of Deputies, bolstered by three deputies from a regional party.

Her coalition maintained its majority in the Senate, after a vote in which seats representing half the lower chamber of Congress and a third of the Senate were at stake.

The president "is preparing to return with all her might to continue leading this project," said Vice President Amado Boudou, who has been running the government in her absence.

But the outcome dashed any hopes of the two-thirds legislative majority Kirchner would need to re-write the constitution and run for a third term, as her followers once hoped.



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Dollar pauses from recent declines as Fed meeting looms

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - The dollar Monday took a break from recent declines, strengthening against other major currencies even as analysts eyed the prospect for more greenback weakness later this week.

At 2200 GMT, the euro traded at \$1.3787, down from \$1.3801 Friday.

The dollar also advanced against the yen, buying 97.66 of the Japanese currency compared with 97.38.

The euro rose to 134.67 yen from 134.44.

The dollar has been trading near a two-year low against the euro in recent sessions and a one-year low against the Swiss franc.

The dollar weakness stems from confidence the US Federal Reserve will maintain its easy-money \$85 billion per-month bond-buying program for a while longer. Prior to the Fed's September meeting, many analysts had expected the Fed to trim back the program in 2013.

Analysts expect the Fed will wind up its two-day policy meeting Wednesday again leaving the program unchanged. Many analysts expect there will be no taper until at least early 2014.

Despite Monday's dollar strength, "our broader bias remains for further modest weakness in the US dollar from current levels" given the

"Fed's continued easy stance," said Nick Bennenbroek, head of currency strategy at Wells Fargo Securities.

Kathy Lien, managing director at BK Asset Management, warned that Tuesday's US retail sales report could signal further dollar weakness.

While the Fed is not expected to shift its monetary policy, "the central bank could downgrade its description of the economy, which would be enough to send the greenback to fresh lows," Lien said.

The British pound dipped to \$1.6141 from \$1.6155.

The dollar advanced to 0.8957 Swiss franc from 0.8920.

International News

Eleven dead as storm lashes northern Europe



The Netherlands

LONDON (AFP) - At least 11 people were killed on Monday as a fierce storm tore across northern Europe, causing mass disruption to transport.

Four people were killed in Britain and three in Germany as heavy rain and high winds battered the region. The storm also claimed two victims in The Netherlands, one in France and one in Denmark.

Rough conditions at sea also forced rescuers to abandon the search for a 14-year-old boy who disappeared while playing in the surf on a southern English beach on Sunday.

Winds reached 99 miles (159 kilometres) per hour on the Isle of Wight off the southern English coast, according to Britain's Met Office national weather centre, while more than 500,000 homes in Britain and France were left without power.

Heavy rain and winds of 80 mph elsewhere brought down thousands of trees and left hundreds of passengers trapped in planes at Copenhagen airport.

In Britain, a 17-year-old girl died after a tree fell on the parked caravan where she was sleeping, while a 51-year-old father of three died when a tree hit his car, police said.

The bodies of a man and a woman were later found in the rubble of three houses in London that collapsed in an explosion thought to have been caused by a gas pipe being ruptured in the storm.

A woman in Amsterdam was killed by a falling tree as she walked along a canal, while in Germany three people were killed when trees fell on their cars.

A 22-year-old man was killed by a falling branch in the central Dutch town of Veenendaal, although high winds had died down by early evening.

In France, a 47-year-old woman was swept away by waves on the island of Belle-Ile in Brittany and her body was

found on a beach several hours later.

The storm claimed an eleventh victim in Denmark when a man was hit by a flying brick as a wall collapsed in the port town of Gilleleje.

Some 460,000 homes lost power across Britain, with a further 75,000 homes affected in northern France, according to industry organisations. Thousands were later re-connected.

The electricity also went down at a nuclear power station in southeast England. Dungeness B station automatically closed down both its reactors, leaving its diesel generators to provide power for essential safety systems.

The storm sparked mass cancellations of train services across southern England, Denmark, The Netherlands and parts of Germany, while a spokeswoman for Copenhagen's main airport said some 500 people were trapped in their planes when strong winds made it impossible to connect stairways to the exits.

The airport later said it was closed for all inbound and outbound traffic.

London's Heathrow airport cancelled 130 flights, about 10 percent, while delays were reported on the Eurostar cross-Channel train service due to speed restrictions.

More than 450 people were stranded on two ferries outside the English port of Dover after it closed for more than two hours, finally docking shortly after 9:00 am (0900 GMT).

The Met Office said 50 millimetres (almost two inches) of rain fell in some areas of Britain overnight, while the Environment Agency issued around 130 flood alerts.

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White House says must do 'better' over spying

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States Monday said it must better weigh the risks and rewards of its spying activities, as Europe fulminates over reports it eavesdropped on German Chancellor Angela Merkel and other world leaders.

In its most comprehensive response yet to the allegations, albeit using heavily nuanced language, the White House said that the fact it had the technical expertise to carry out certain espionage missions, did not mean that it should.

"With new capabilities, we recognize that there needs to be additional constraints on how we gather and use intelligence," White House spokesman Jay Carney said.

Earlier, President Barack

Obama's national security advisor Susan Rice wrote on Twitter that Washington was seeking a "proper balance between security concerns of our citizens and allies and the privacy concerns that all people share."

The comments followed a Wall Street Journal article which quoted unnamed senior officials as saying that Obama did not know US spies were bugging Merkel's cellphone and that when he found out, he ordered it stopped.

The more conciliatory lan-

guage also came as the Obama administration prepares to meet two teams sent from Europe to discuss the diplomatic fallout from the claims, one from the European parliament, another including senior German government and intelligence agency officials.

New allegations meanwhile that US spy agencies tracked 60.5 million Spanish telephone calls in a single month led to more embarrassing exchanges between Washington and a European ally.

The White House stuck to its refusal to discuss the case of Merkel and other alleged operations specifically, but did speak in a way that may be designed to appease allies over National Security Agency (NSA) activities.

Carney said that internal reviews into US intelligence gathering would ensure surveillance programs include proper "accounting for both the security of our citizens and our allies and the privacy concerns shared by Americans and citizens around the world.

In the fog of unspecific language and hints that characterize the way officials talk about intelligence matters, it was not clear whether Carney was hinting at a curtailing of certain spying operations.

While stressing that US

spies must focus "above all" on threats to the American people, his words did however seem calculated to offer some recognition to US allies who believe US espionage activities overstepped the mark.

The careful White House repositioning came after days of outrage in Europe over reports apparently based on disclosures by fugitive US security analyst Edward Snowden and evasive statements from the top American officials.

Carney, however, refused to comment on the Wall Street Journal article which said the NSA ended a program to spy on Merkel and other world leaders after an internal review revealed it to White House officials.

The review alerted officials to the monitoring of 35 world leaders, the paper said quoting an unnamed senior official.

US claims that it is not and will not tap her phone left open the possibility that American spies had done so in the past.

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Brazil to export vaccine against measles, rubella

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - Brazil will produce a combined vaccine against measles and rubella exclusively for export to poor countries, mainly in

Africa, its health minister said Monday.

Alexandre Padilha said the aim was to produce 30 million doses by 2017 for sale at a price

of 54 US cents each. Currently such vaccines are made only in India.

Padilha made the announcement at an event in Rio where

he announced that the government was inking an investment deal with the US Bill & Melinda Gates foundation to develop the vaccine.

He said his ministry would invest \$727 million in construction of a state-of-the pharmaceutical plant at the Bio-Manguinhos Institute, a government institution located in Rio.

"This plant will generate employment, revenue, know-how, research and technological innovation in this country," he added. "The agreement which we are signing provides more investments and buying guarantees, which makes it possible to export at the lowest cost," he said.

The Gates Foundation is meanwhile allocating \$1.1 million for the project.

Measles was eradicated in Brazil in 2000 and rubella (or German measles) in 2009.

But the diseases remain endemic in some countries.

In 2011, 158,000 people died of measles around the world, most of them in poor countries, according to data from the World Health Organization.

Meanwhile Carlos Gadelha, the health ministry's science and technology secretary said Latin America's dominant economic power also hopes to make headway toward developing the pentavalent vaccine and a vaccine against dengue fever.

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Gold mining is ravaging Peruvian Amazon

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Skyrocketing gold prices have fueled an illegal mining rush that has tripled the rate of deforestation in the Peruvian Amazon since 2008, researchers said Monday.

The findings in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences were made with a combination of satellite data, laser technology to map vegetation and on-the-ground surveys.

"The rate of forest destruction is huge," said Greg Asner, a tropical ecologist with the Carnegie Institution for Science.

Illegal mining has increased by 400 percent between 1999 and 2012, particularly after the global financial collapse led to



a boom in the price of gold, seen as a more durable asset.

"Gold prices have gone up over time but they went up a lot in 2008 following the global recession," he told AFP. "It greatly accelerated this rush for gold."

More than half of all mining operations in the Peruvian Amazon are done by clandestine operations.

There are as many as 70,000 illegal miners engaged in a rampant black market that involves small operations of individual miners who are laboring to work off debt to their "gold lords," he explained.

The extent and pace of rainforest damage they cause goes far beyond what the Peruvian government and other non-governmental agencies have reported until now, he said.

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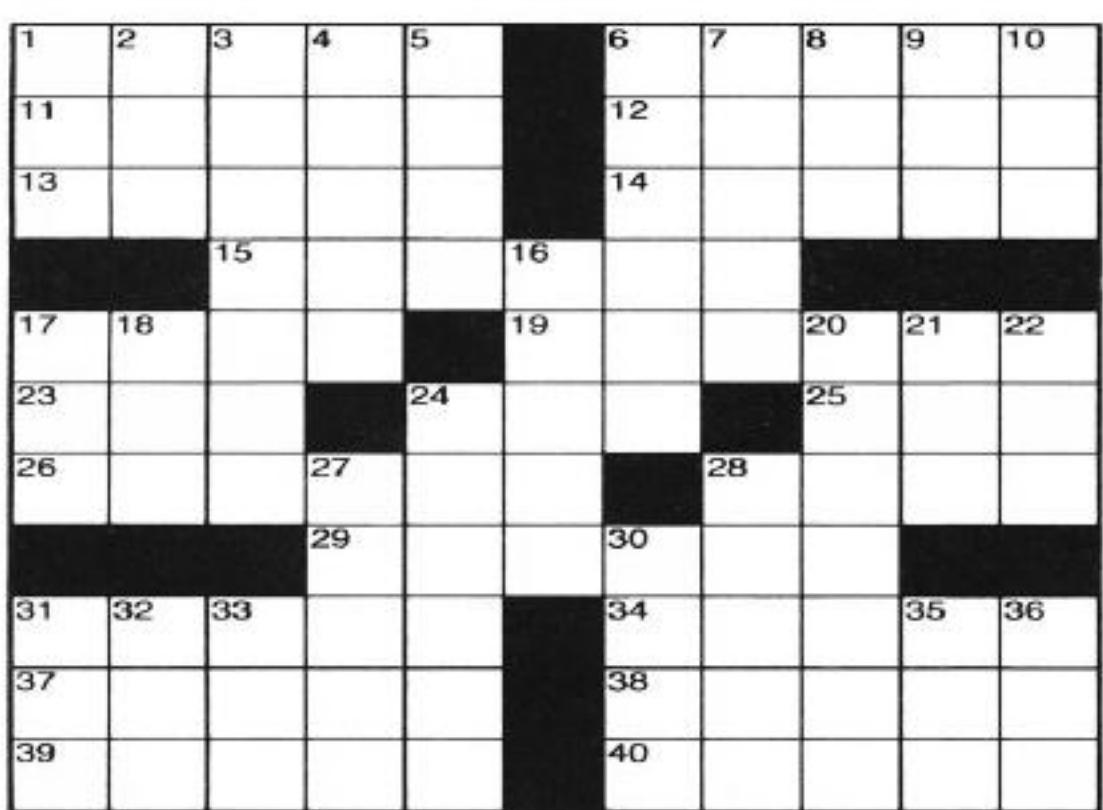
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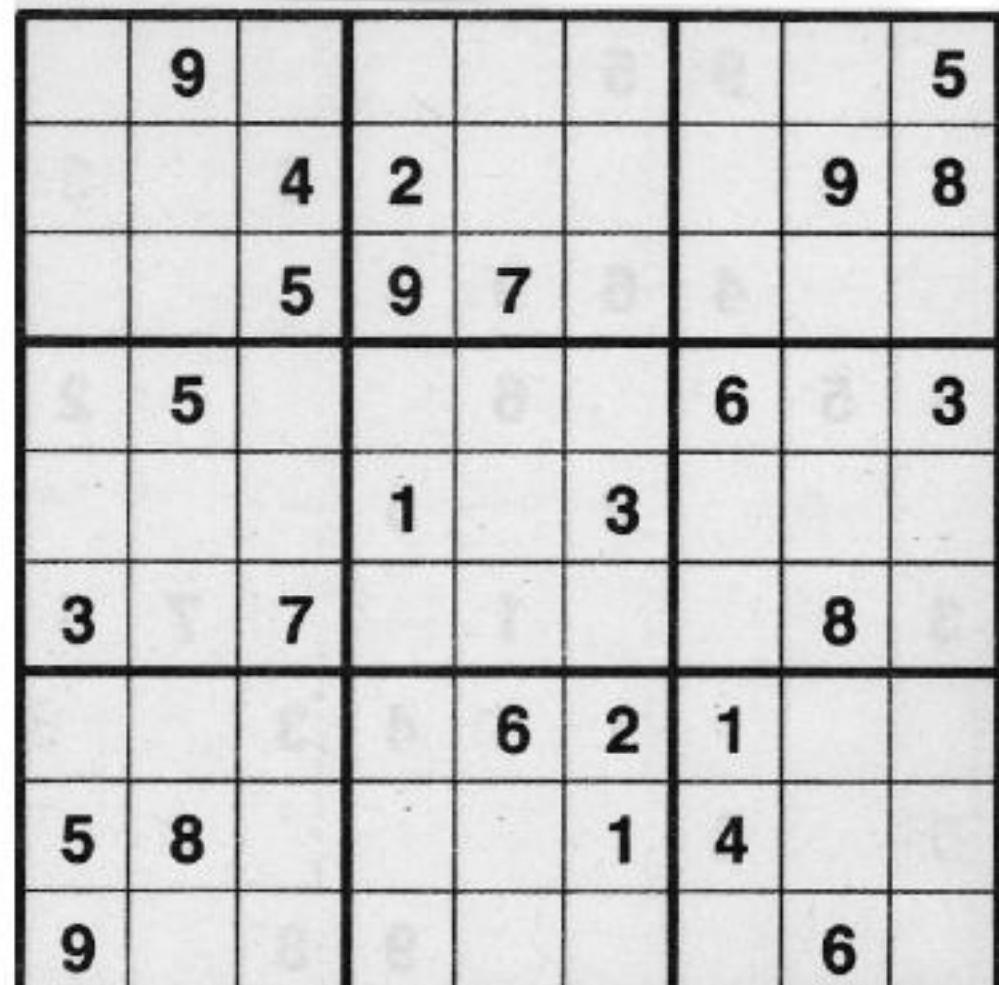
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Liberty Global in \$1 billion deal to sell channels

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Liberty Global, part of a media empire controlled by US tycoon John Malone, said Monday it was selling most of its international television channels to AMC Networks for some \$1 billion.

Liberty, which claims to be the largest international cable company with operations in 14 countries, said it was selling its international content division Chellomedia.

The division includes Chello Multicanal, Chello Central Europe, Chello Zone, Chello Latin America and Chello DMC.

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - US stocks Monday ended a quiet day essentially flat ahead of a two-day US Federal Reserve policy meeting that concludes Wednesday.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average slipped 1.35 points (0.01 percent) to 15,568.93.

The broad-based S&P 500 tacked on 2.34 (0.13 percent) at 1,762.11, a new all-time high, while the tech-rich Nasdaq Composite Index fell 3.23 (0.08 percent) to 3,940.68.

All three indices traded in a fairly narrow range throughout the session amid relatively little news.

The Fed's Federal Open Market Committee kicks off a two-day monetary policy meeting Tuesday

Chellomedia's stakes in its joint ventures with CBS International, A+E Networks, Zon Optimus and other partners are also part of the deal, but Liberty Global will retain its Dutch premium channel business, including the Film1 and Sport1 channels.

The enterprise value of the deal was set at 750 million euros or \$1.035 billion.

"This is a great transaction for all parties" said Liberty Global chief Mike Fries. "Chellomedia is one of the largest international channel groups with distribution to more than 390 million households in 138 countries, and I have no doubt that the management team will continue to build tremendous value as part of AMC."

Liberty Global earlier this year acquired Britain's Virgin Media in a deal worth 17.2 billion euros.

Liberty Global brands also include UPC, Unitymedia, Kabel BW, Telenet and VTR.

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Apple on Monday reported a quarterly profit of \$7.5 billion on the back of soaring iPhone sales.

The US tech giant closed out its fiscal year with a net annual profit of \$37 billion, an impressive figure but the first annual decline in earnings in 11 years.

The quarterly profit was down 8.6 percent from a year earlier, but ahead of most analyst forecasts. It came on revenues of some \$37.5 billion in the quarter ending September 28, up four percent year-on-year.

California-based Apple reported selling 33.8 million iPhones in the quarter that ended September 28, setting a new record for sales in that quarter.

Apple said that iPad sales inched up to 14.1 million in a

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Apple profit tops forecasts, 33.8 million iPhones sold

slight rise from the 14 million sold during the same quarter last year.

The current quarter was expected to be a more telling one for iPads, since Apple last week beefed up the line with a slim iPad Air model and an improved iPad Mini ahead of the prime holiday shopping season.

Apple last week also showed off upgrades to its notebooks and desktop computers along with free software to sweeten the deal.

The new iPads will be sold alongside existing versions starting November 1 in more than 40 markets around the world. For the first time, China will be among the countries getting the latest iPad models on launch day.

Apple upgrades for its MacBook line of notebooks and Mac Pro desktop computer,

and its new operating system called Mavericks will be available as a free upgrade for those with existing Apple computers.

Apple reported that it sold 4.6 million Macs, compared to 4.9 million in the year-ago quarter.

Apple's board of directors also declared a cash dividend of \$3.05 per share of common stock.

Apple shares were down more than two percent to \$516.34 in after-market trading that followed release of the earnings figures.

Apple said its gross profit margin was 37 percent compared to 40 percent in the year-ago quarter.

And it said the outlook for the current quarter was similar, with a margin expected between 36.5 percent and 37.5 percent.

US stocks flat as markets await Fed, earnings news

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - US stocks were flat in early trade Monday as investors looked ahead to a busy week of earnings and a policy update from the Federal Reserve.

An hour into trade, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 10.50 points (0.07 percent) at 15,559.78.

The broad-based S&P 500 was up 1.21 (0.07 percent) at 1,760.98, while the tech-rich Nasdaq Composite Index gave up 4.95 (0.13 percent) at 3,938.41.

While there have been a handful of disappointments, investors generally have been pleased with the corporate earnings reports thus far.

Tech giant Apple releases its financial results after the market closes Monday, one of the most eagerly anticipated reports of all.

Wall Street is also looking ahead to Wednesday's conclu-

sion of the Federal Open Market Committee's two-day monetary policy meeting, its first gathering since the 16-day partial federal government shutdown in the first half of October.

The Fed is expected to keep its stimulus program unchanged, but investors will be watching for clues about when the pullback might begin.

Dow component Merck lost 2.7 percent after earnings fell 35 percent from the year-ago level and revenues slightly lagged expectations. The company announced earlier this month it was cutting 8,500

jobs.

Bristol-Myers Squibb shot up 6.4 percent after announcing promising test results on clazakizumab, which is used to treat rheumatoid arthritis.

Morgan Stanley upgraded Bristol-Myers to "overweight" also on the basis of promising cancer treatments the company is developing.

JPMorgan Chase dipped 0.4 percent on the heels of a \$5.1 billion settlement with the US Federal Housing Finance Agency for misrepresenting the quality of mortgage-backed securities and mort-

gages sold to Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae.

Consol Energy shed 0.4 percent after announcing the sale of five West Virginia mines to Murray Energy for \$3.5 billion. Consol aims to reorient its business away from coal and more towards natural gas production.

Bond prices were mostly flat. The yield on the 10-year US Treasury held at 2.50 percent, while the 30-year increased to 3.60 percent from 3.59 percent Friday. Bond prices and yields move inversely.

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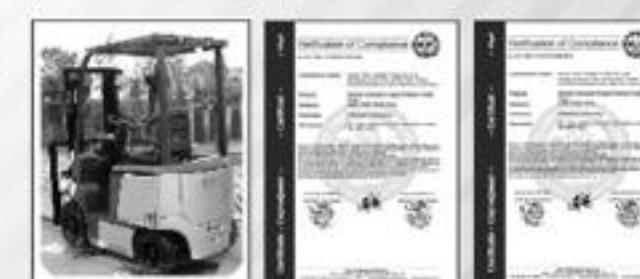
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Jackson's doctor evades fans, as freed early from jail

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Michael Jackson's former doctor Conrad Murray was released from jail Monday after serving two years of a four-year sentence for the late pop icon's death in 2009, officials said.

Murray, who was convicted of involuntary manslaughter in 2011 for giving Jackson the drug that killed him, evaded Jackson fans and cameramen as he left the Men's Central Jail in Los Angeles shortly after midnight.

His release was brought forward due to good behavior and prison overcrowding.

The 60-year-old physician eluded hecklers outside the jail, where a small group of Jackson fans booed his release.

A Jackson family statement countered: "It is clear Conrad Murray... killed Michael Jackson. We hope he can never practice medicine again... and hurt another patient."

Jackson died on June 25, 2009 from an overdose of the anesthetic propofol at his rented mansion in the plush Holmby Hills district west of Los Angeles.

Murray was jailed for four years in November 2011 for giving Jackson propofol to help him sleep as he rehearsed for a comeback series of concerts in London, four years after the pop star's acquittal on child molestation charges.

Earlier this month a jury rejected a civil lawsuit brought by Jackson's family, who claimed that tour promoter AEG Live negligently hired Murray, a cardiologist, to take care of the star for the doomed "This Is It" tour.

Murray's whereabouts after his release were not immediately clear.

Although he mostly escaped waiting photographers at the jail, TMZ caught up with him



at a burger joint, in what it said was his "first stop" after being released.

In the pictures Murray looked significantly grayer and thinner than his last public appearance before he was jailed, as he sat at an outdoor table at an In'n'Out burger fast-food restaurant.

There has been speculation that Murray, who had financial problems even before he was hired to look after Jackson, could make money by telling his side of the story, in a book or other form.

Murray's lawyer told reporters that Murray will try to reinstate his medical licences in California, Nevada and Texas -- where he was a registered doctor before Jackson's death -- in order to resume his medical career.

The doctor's financial woes were details in both his own criminal trial and the civil trial pitting the Jackson family against AEG Live.

Murray was to have been paid \$150,000 a month to look after Jackson for the "This Is It" concerts. But he was never paid, because he was never formally hired. A copy of a contract, signed by Murray but not by AEG Live, was found in the doctor's car the day after Jackson's death.

In an interview from prison

after the civil trial ended, Murray was asked what he planned to do after his release.

"I will restart my life and, God willing, I will be a model to show the world that despite adversity, and when bad things happen to good people, they can restart their life and succeed," he told the "Today" show.

Jackson fans were left disappointed and angry outside the LA jail Monday.

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RIYADH (AFP) - A Saudi video mocking the kingdom's unique ban on female driving has gone viral, featuring a male performer singing "no woman, no drive", an adaptation of Bob Marley's famous song. Nearly 3.5 million people had seen the 4:15-minute video by Monday, two days after the adaptation of the reggae legend's "no woman, no cry" had been posted on YouTube. "Say I remember when you used to sit, in the family car, but back-seat," sings Hisham Fageeh, a Saudi who introduces himself as an artist social activist, dressed in traditional white thawb cloak and checkered red headgear. The video that sarcastically tells women not to consider getting behind the wheel was posted on the day set by female activists to launch a new campaign to defy the kingdom's ban on women driving.



ANKARA (AFP) - Turkey's Sultan Kosen, at 2.51 metres (eight foot three) the world's tallest man, has wed a Syrian woman he called the "love of my life", though he towers over his 1.75-metre bride. "I cannot describe my feelings in words," the 31-year-old groom said during the wedding celebration in his hometown in the southeastern province of Mardin on Sunday. His 20-year-old bride Mervi Dibo, who hails from the Syrian town of Hasaka, added: "I hope this happiness will be long-lasting." The groom's black suit was custom made, requiring six metres of fabric, Anatolia reported. Born into a farming family in southeastern Turkey, Kosen won global fame in September 2009 when Guinness World Records declared him the tallest man in the world. He was then 2.47 meters tall. His growth has resulted from a tumor affecting his pituitary gland.

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"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2

eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$3.99, or All-you-can-eat pancakes for \$6.99! A new plate called the "Home Run" comes with 2 eggs, bacon or sausage, 2 pancakes, toast & home fries - for only \$9.99! Best of all - unlimited coffee or tea - that is, refillable and never ending is only \$.79! Breakfast is served from 8am until noon. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

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Aruba's Taekwondo Team wins Copa TK5 in Curacao



ORANJESTAD - Last Saturday the Copa TK5 game took place in the hall of the International University of Curacao.... in a packed hall of persons who came to support the Curacao TK5 team against Puerto Rico and Aruba.

Clifford Rasmijn of the Brazil Taekwondo Foundation (Aruba) concentrated on the team formed by Russel

Beneby back in July.

From the moment that Clifford began his training of the team his focus was on Curacao where Aruba won a cup in the Copa TK5 last year.

After 4 months of training at Baby Beach, Seroe Colorado and in the sports hall, today they can look back at the results of "Train Hard Fight Smart, which they imple-

mented. This was a team of 5 athletes from 3 different schools on Aruba who achieved this for Aruba.

The athletes who were part of this team were: Jonathan Baez of the Noord Taekwondo Center, Cleff Dede of San Nicolaas Taekwondo Center and Rasheed Lowe, Justin Arindell and Hakeem Lowe of the Brazil Taekwondo Foundation.

Aruba fought her first fight against the Puerto Rico team and won this match. Then Aruba met Curacao. In the second round of 5 minutes Aruba's team led by Justin Arindell increased the points for Aruba... winning the match and the TK5 for the second consecutive year.

Congratulations to all our athletes who have raised the name of Aruba high once more.

This team will now go on to Suriname to participate in the TK5 in the month of February 2014.

They are also going to have to replace Hakeem Lowe who is celebrating 12 years of age in November. The Train Hard Fight Hard team will continue their diligent training for the next challenge awaiting them in February!

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MOTEGI (AFP) - MotoGP rookie sensation Marc Marquez hopes to make it third time lucky when the world championship goes down to the last race of the season at Valencia in a fortnight. The 20-year-old Honda rider is guaranteed to become the youngest ever MotoGP champion if he finishes fourth or better on November 10, having passed up opportunities to seal the title in Australia and then in Japan at the weekend.



SOELDEN (AFP) - US' Ted Ligety competes during the second run of the men's giant slalom at the FIS Ski World Cup on Saturday in Soelden, Austria. US' Ted Ligety won the competition.



HAIKOU (AFP) - Northern Irish golfer Rory McIlroy tees off during his one-on-one golf matchup against US golfer Tiger Woods at Mission Hills in Haikou on Monday. McIlroy won by one strike with a 6-under 67.

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NFL: Stafford stars as Lions edge Cowboys in thriller

DETROIT (AFP) - Matthew Stafford's one-yard touchdown plunge with 12 seconds left lifted the Detroit Lions to a 31-30 victory over the Dallas Cowboys in an NFL thriller on Sunday.

The Lions trailed by six points with 1:02 remaining, launching the winning drive at their own 20-yard-line.

They covered 80 yards in less than a minute, and a clutch 22-yard pass from Stafford to Calvin Johnson set Stafford up for his scoring leap.

David Akers added the extra point that sealed it for Detroit, who improved to 5-3.

Stafford finished the game with 488 yards passing, one touchdown and two interceptions.



Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford

Johnson set a career high with 329 yards on 14 catches with a touchdown. His performance was just seven yards short of the NFL record for most receiving yards in one game.

Dallas quarterback Tony Romo completed 14-for-30 passes for 206 yards and three touchdowns. Dez Bryant caught three passes for 72 yards and two touchdowns -- and made headlines with an animated exchange with Romo on the sidelines.

Detroit's victory kept them in second place in the NFC North behind Green Bay, who beat Minnesota 44-31 in a division clash.

Dallas fell to 4-4, but they remained atop the NFC East thanks to Philadelphia's 15-7 loss to the visiting New York Giants in a division matchup.

Josh Brown kicked a career-high five field goals and the Giants shut down an Eagles offense in which rookie Matt Barkley was pressed into quarterback duty after Michael Vick aggravated a hamstring injury in the first half.

The Kansas City Chiefs remained the only unbeaten

team in the league, turning back the determined Cleveland Browns for a 23-17 triumph.

The Chiefs gained 281 yards in the first half, but only 50 after the interval as they struggled to keep the Browns at bay.

It wasn't close at all in London, where the San Francisco 49ers trounced the winless Jacksonville Jaguars 42-10 at Wembley Stadium.

San Francisco quarterback Colin Kaepernick and Frank Gore scored two touchdowns apiece on the ground. Gore carried the ball 19 times for 71 yards for San Francisco, who have eclipsed 30 points in each game of a current five-game winning streak.

New England's superstar quarterback Tom Brady shook off a dismal first half to lead the Patriots to a 27-17 victory over Miami in an AFC East division clash.

The Patriots managed only 59 yards in the first half and trailed by 14 points, then scored 24 unanswered points in a run highlighted by two touchdowns in less than two minutes.

Another elite quarterback came on strong in the second half as Denver's Peyton Manning threw three of his four touchdown passes in the fourth quarter to lift the Broncos to a 45-21 victory over Washington.

Manning went 30-for-44 for 354 yards, but also had three interceptions and surrendered a fumble for the Broncos.

The Broncos' rally spoiled the return to Denver of former Broncos and current Washington coach Mike Shanahan.

He coached the Broncos from 1995-2008 and won two

Super Bowls with the club before he was sacked at the end of the 2008 campaign.

In other games, Drew Brees threw five touchdown passes to lead the New Orleans Saints to a 35-17 victory over Buffalo.

Second-year receiver Marvin Jones caught a Cincinnati Bengals club record four touchdown passes in a 49-9 rout of the New York Jets.

The Oakland Raiders scored on the first play from scrimmage then held on for a 21-18 victory over Pittsburgh and the Arizona Cardinals beat Atlanta 27-13.

Baseball: Goldschmidt, Cabrera win Hank Aaron Award



SAINT LOUIS (AFP) - Arizona's Paul Goldschmidt and Miguel Cabrera of Detroit won Major League Baseball's Hank Aaron Award as the league's outstanding offensive players on Sunday. League commissioner Bud Selig announced the winners prior to game four of the 109th World Series. Tigers slugger Cabrera was on hand to collect his award but the Diamondbacks' Goldschmidt was travelling in Australia so couldn't be there. First time All-Star Goldschmidt was impressive this season, leading the National League with 36 home runs and leading the league with 123 runs batted in. American League All-Star Cabrera claimed the award for the second straight year. He led the major leagues by hitting .348, capturing his third straight batting crown. He finished second in the major leagues with 44 homers and 137 runs batted in.

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Football: *World Cup* arenas ready on time - *Brazilian* minister

SAO PAULO (AFP) - All 12 host stadiums for next year's World Cup will be ready on schedule in December, Brazilian Sports Minister Aldo Rebelo said Monday.

"We are confident that we can deliver. We are not very late," he told a press conference here.

And he brushed aside doubts over whether the Arena Pantanal in Cuiaba, capital of the center-west state of Mato Grosso, can be completed by the end of the year.

He said he expected the Cuiaba stadium, which will host four World Cup games and is currently 85 percent complete, to be delivered on time as agreed with football's world governing body FIFA.

Rebelo, meanwhile, said he did not believe the World Cup, which kicks off in Sao Paulo on June 12, would be marred by large-scale street protests such as those which rocked the country in June over sub-standard social services, endemic corruption and the high cost of staging the high-profile sporting event.

"It will be time to party rather than protest," he noted.

As to security concerns, he said: "We cannot underestimate any kind of threat."

But he insisted security forces "will be trained" to deal with all eventualities.

Olympics will be 'comfortable' for gay athletes: Putin

MOSCOW (AFP) - President Vladimir Putin pledged Monday that gay and lesbian athletes and visitors at next year's Winter Olympic Games in Sochi will feel at ease despite Russia's new "homosexual propaganda" ban.

"We will do everything to make sure that athletes, fans and guests feel comfortable at the Olympic Games regardless of their ethnicity, race or sexual orientation," Putin told visiting International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Thomas Bach in remarks broadcast on Russian televi-

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Russia's adoption in June of a disputed law prohibiting the dissemination of information about homosexuality to minors has sparked protests from international rights groups and calls for a boycott of the country's first post-Soviet Games.

The scandal has already cast a pall over an event closely associated with the powerful Russian leader's image and dubbed by some media as the "Putin Games".

Sochi was meant to showcase the strides Russia has made since the 1980 Summer

Games in Moscow were boycotted by a host of Western nations because of the Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan.

Russian businesses and the government have already spent a record \$50 billion on preparations aimed at turning Sochi -- a leafy summer resort on the Black Sea -- into a global magnet for winter activities.

Putin declared on Monday that "the objective associated with building Olympic facilities has been met."

The IOC has in previous months tried to steer clear of

the political controversy by noting that Russia's new legislation did not contravene the Olympic Charter.

Russian media quoted Bach as complimenting Putin for overseeing preparations for the February 7-23 festivities but did not quote him as saying anything about the gay propaganda ban.

Russia's winter Olympians -- once a national treasure who made the Soviet Union into a Winter Games superpower -- have been under intense scrutiny because of the team's underwhelming performances

in preceding events.

The country placed a dire 11th in the medals table at the 2010 event in Vancouver after winning only three gold medals.

Russia's various winter sports federations have since used lavish state funding to attract nearly 100 of the best international coaches to inspire the demoralised squad.

A part of Russia's problem has been the IOC's adoption of new events such as snowboarding that attract young new audiences but in which the country's own athletes have no tradition.